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Title: The Minister of Water Resources laid a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in 7th Report of Standing Committee on Water Resources on Demands for Grants (2007-08), pertaining to the Ministry of Water Resources.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): Sir, I beg to lay the statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of Standing Committee on Water Resources in pursuance of Direction 73A of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha issued vide Lok Sabha Bulletin-Part II, dated September 01, 2004.

The Seventh Report of Standing Committee on Water Resources (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) was presented in the Lok Sabha on 28[1] April 2007. This Report related to the examination of Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Water Resources for the year 2007-08.

Action Taken Notes on the recommendations/observations contained in the above said report of the Standing Committee had been sent to the Committee on 8[l] August 2007. There were 20 recommendation paragraphs in this report containing recommendations/observations made by the Committee where action was called for on the part of Government. These recommendations/observations mainly related to the issues like projection of outlays in more realistic terms, expeditious preparation of detailed project report of Ken-Betwa link, private sector participation in water management and project planning, settlement of audit objections regarding diversion/misutilization of Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, development of better technology to utilize unused water going waste into the sea, completion *of* ongoing projects spilled over to Eleventh Plan, bridging gap between created irrigation potential

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and its utilization, research and development programmes, need of stepping up allocation for minor irrigation, artificial recharge of ground water through dug wells, modification of command area development & water management programme and enactment of participatory irrigation management legislation under this programme, monitoring of physical and financial progress of flood control schemes and implementation of the report of task force on flood control in a time-bound manner, early processing of review report of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme, completion of projects under the scheme of repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies by State Governments, changes in the National Environment Policy 2006 to increase storage capacity, formulation of policy on "National Projects", etc.

The present status of implementation of various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in Annexure to my Statement which is laid on the Table of the House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out all the contents of this Annexure. I would request that this may be considered as read.

12.05 hrs.